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1. POST HAS FOUND IT NECESSARY TO CHANGE THE CATEGORY OF PARTICIPANTS IN NOVEMBER TOUR. OUTSIDE OF THIS CHANGE IN THE TYPE OF GROUP ALL OTHER ASPECTS OF TOUR REMAIN SAME. POST FEELS THIS CHANGE SHOULD IN NO WAY CHANGE PLANS FOR PROGRAMMING ARRANGED FOR THE PREVIOUSLY DESIGNATED SENIOR ACADEMICIANS.

2. GUIDANCE FOR GROUP: CONTINUING CONTROVERSY SURROUNDING US AID TO TURKEY IS NOW A MAJOR TOPIC IN ALL ECHELONS OF TURKISH LEADERSHIP. TURKS, WHO SEE THIS AID AS PART OF BILATERAL NATO RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN TURKEY AND US, HINT OPENLY AT CHANGING POLITICAL SITUATION WHICH REQUIRES TURKEY'S RE-EVALUATION OF ITS FOREIGN POLICY. NATO AND TURKEY'S FUTURE IN IT ARE NOW MORE THAN EVER UNDER INTENSE EXAMINATION. THIS YEAR'S GROUP OF SENIOR ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS LUMINARIES CAN BE EXPECTED TO ASK CRITICAL QUESTIONS ABOUT NATO'S FUTURE AND ESPECIALLY ABOUT THE SITUATION ON THE SOUTHEAST FLANK WITH THE WITHDRAWAL OF GREECE FROM THE ALLIANCE. WITHIN A GENERAL MOVEMENT TOWARD BROADENING ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL TIES WITH NON-EUROPEAN AND ARAB NATIONS, A WIDER ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN TURKEY AND THE SOVIET UNION AND THE COMMUNIST BLOCK IN GENERAL IS SUGGESTED BY MANY COMMENTATORS. THUS THE REINFORCEMENT OF TRADITIONAL POLITICAL MILITARY AND ECONOMIC TIES TO THE WEST IN THE FORM OF EC, NATO AND OECD ARE ESSENTIAL. AMERICAN BRIEFERS CAN EXPECT QUESTIONS ON THE CONGRESSIONAL ATTEMPTS TO CUT OFF U.S. AID AND THE U.S. ATTITUDE TOWARD NATO AND TURKEY WITHIN THAT FRAMEWORK. MILITARY BRIEFERS CAN EXPECT QUESTIONS ON THE MILITARY SIGNIFICANCE OF THE GREEK WITHDRAWAL AND ON TURKEY'S ROLE IN THE NEW CIRCUMSTANCES.

3. TENTATIVE LIST OF PARTICIPANTS, ESCORTS, PLANE SCHEDULE

TO FOLLOW SEPARATE TEL.

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